

Table 2. Prescription Medicines^a-Median and Mean Expenses per Person With Expense and Distribution of Expenses by Source of Payment: United States, 1998

Population Characteristic	Population (in thousands)	Percent with expense	Per person with an expense		Total Expenses (in millions)	Percent distribution of total expenses by source of payment				
			Median	Mean		Out of pocket	Private insurance ^b	Medicare	Medicaid	Other ^c
Total	273,534	61.8	144	461	77,982	48.0	33.7	4.0	11.6	2.6
Age in years										
Under 65	239,224	58.1	104	366	50,899	42.3	41.6	0.8	13.2	2.1*
Under 6	23,732	59.0	37	82	1,145	43.4	35.0	0.0*	21.5	0.2*
6-17	48,696	46.4	51	145	3,270	41.2	41.5	0.0*	17.0	0.4*
18-44	108,767	55.6	94	302	18,260	42.7	38.1	0.3*	17.4	1.5*
45-64	58,029	72.4	319	672	28,224	42.1	44.1	1.3	9.7	2.8*
65 and over	34,309	87.5	562	903	27,083	58.8	18.8	10.1	8.7	3.6
Sex										
Male	133,614	54.3	110	417	30,278	44.2	36.7	4.2	9.3	5.6
Female	139,919	69.0	173	494	47,704	50.4	31.8	3.9	13.1	0.8
Race/ethnicity										
White and Other	207,018	65.5	165	482	65,335	48.5	36.0	3.9	8.8	2.9
Black	34,458	51.0	101	451	7,940	45.8	19.2	4.4	29.1	1.5
Hispanic	32,058	49.8	68	295	4,707	45.8	25.4	5.8*	21.9	1.1*
Health insurance status^d										
<65, Any private	178,020	61.3	110	342	37,319	39.7	56.7	0.7	1.6	1.2*
<65, Public only	28,918	61.1	97	583	10,305	36.5	0.0*	1.5	59.2	2.8*
<65, Uninsured	32,286	38.1	63	266	3,275	89.5	0.0*	0.0*	0.0*	10.5*
65+, Medicare only	10,123	86.6	540	830	7,277	77.4	0.0*	15.6	0.1*	6.8
65+, Medicare and private	19,835	88.3	570	917	16,052	55.5	31.8	9.2	0.9	2.6*
65+, Medicare and other public	4,200	87.5	559	989	3,636	34.6	0.0*	3.1	60.6	1.7*
65+, Missing	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Poverty status^e										
Negative or Poor	35,303	57.4	109	522	10,580	46.1	10.1	3.5	38.1	2.3
Near-poor	11,611	60.8	139	487	3,434	52.7	11.5	2.5	31.5	1.8*
Low income	36,826	59.2	152	489	10,673	53.0	19.9	6.1	16.4	4.5*
Middle income	88,324	61.5	142	473	25,657	51.1	36.3	4.6	6.2	1.9
High income	101,470	64.7	152	421	27,638	43.4	48.4	3.1	2.3	2.8*
Metropolitan statistical area (MSA)										
MSA	218,775	60.8	136	447	59,483	46.6	35.2	4.7	10.9	2.6
Non-MSA	52,217	66.4	177	511	17,722	52.2	29.3	1.7	14.0	2.9
Missing	2,541	57.6	276	531	7778	61.5	17.7*	3.6*	15.0	2.1*
Census Region										
Northeast	52,503	59.1	147	450	13,964	44.1	35.1	4.4	13.8	2.6
Midwest	63,871	64.0	147	486	19,861	45.9	36.8	2.8	11.6	2.9*
South	95,475	63.3	165	493	29,811	52.0	30.7	3.4	12.0	2.0
West	61,685	59.6	111	390	14,346	46.6	34.2	6.8	8.8	3.6*

Table 2 SE. Standard Errors for Prescription Medicines^a-Median and Mean Expenses per Person With Expense and Distribution of Expenses by Source of Payment: United States, 1998

Population Characteristic	Population (in thousands)	Percent with expense	Per person with an expense		Total Expenses (in millions)	Percent distribution of total expenses by source of payment				
			Median	Mean		Out of pocket	Private insurance ^b	Medicare	Medicaid	Other ^c
Total	†	0.5	5	11	2,671	0.9	0.9	0.4	0.9	0.5
Age in years										
Under 65	†	0.6	3	10	2,005	1.1	1.2	0.2	1.2	0.6*
Under 6	†	1.3	2	5	89	1.8	2.4	0.0*	2.4	0.1*
6-17	†	0.9	3	8	213	2.2	2.5	0.0*	2.8	0.2*
18-44	†	0.8	4	13	1,003	1.6	2.0	0.2*	2.6	0.6*
45-64	†	0.8	14	27	1,466	1.4	1.7	0.3	1.0	1.1*
65 and over	†	0.8	23	30	1,380	1.3	1.4	1.0	0.9	0.6
Sex										
Male	†	0.7	5	14	1,338	1.2	1.3	0.5	1.0	1.1
Female	†	0.6	6	13	1,694	1.0	1.1	0.4	1.1	0.2
Race/ethnicity										
White and Other	†	0.6	6	12	2,494	1.0	0.9	0.4	0.9	0.6
Black	†	1.3	10	40	866	3.0	2.4	0.9	2.8	0.5
Hispanic	†	0.9	4	16	312	2.1	1.8	1.2	2.2	0.4*
Health insurance status^d										
<65, Any private	5,081	0.6	3	9	1,546	0.9	0.8	0.2	0.4	0.6*
<65, Public only	1,375	1.2	7	50	1,050	3.2	0.0*	0.4	3.3	1.1*
<65, Uninsured	1,344	1.2	5	30	392	5.5	0.0*	0.0*	0.0*	5.5*
65+, Medicare only	592	1.4	47	50	684	2.1	0.0*	2.1	0.1*	1.3
65+, Medicare and private	874	1.2	25	37	1,015	1.8	1.9	1.1	0.2	0.8*
65+, Medicare and other public	320	2.2	68	68	368	3.4	0.0*	0.6	3.6	0.6*
65+, Missing	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Poverty status^e										
Negative or Poor	†	1.2	10	44	993	3.0	1.5	0.9	3.4	0.5
Near-poor	†	2.0	25	38	332	3.6	2.6	0.7	4.0	0.9*
Low income	†	1.3	15	26	751	2.2	1.9	1.2	2.3	1.6*
Middle income	†	0.9	8	20	1,361	1.5	1.5	0.6	1.1	0.4
High income	†	0.7	7	14	1,281	1.2	1.2	0.5	0.6	1.1*
Metropolitan statistical area (MSA)										
MSA	†	0.6	5	13	2,366	1.0	1.1	0.5	0.8	0.6
Non-MSA	†	1.0	14	23	1,266	1.7	1.6	0.4	2.4	0.5
Missing	†	3.8	49	71	139	5.7	5.4*	1.8*	4.4	1.1*
Census Region										
Northeast	†	1.2	13	27	1,174	1.5	2.1	0.7	2.0	0.6
Midwest	†	0.9	8	21	1,160	1.8	2.0	0.6	2.2	1.1*
South	†	1.0	10	18	1,504	1.2	1.5	0.7	1.2	0.5
West	†	1.2	6	26	1,450	2.4	1.3	1.0	1.4	1.6*

a Expenses for all prescribed medicines initially purchased or otherwise obtained during the year, as well as any refills, are included. Free samples are included in the estimate of percent of persons with any expense.

b Private insurance includes CHAMPUS and CHAMPVA (Armed-Forces-related coverage).

c Other includes other public programs such as Department of Veterans Affairs (except CHAMPVA); other Federal sources (Indian Health Service, military treatment facilities, and other care provided by the Federal Government); other State and local sources (community and neighborhood clinics, State and local health departments, and State programs other than Medicaid); and other public (Medicaid payments reported for persons who were not enrolled in the Medicaid program at any time during the year). Other also includes Worker's Compensation; other unclassified sources (e.g., automobile, homeowner's, liability, and other miscellaneous or unknown sources); and other private insurance (any type of private insurance payments reported for persons without private health insurance coverage during the year, as defined in MEPS).

d Uninsured refers to persons uninsured during the entire year. Public and private health insurance categories refer to individuals with public or private insurance at any time during the period; individuals with both public and private insurance and those with CHAMPUS or CHAMPVA (Armed-Forces-related coverage) are classified as having insurance.

e Poor refers to incomes below the Federal poverty line; near poor, over the poverty line through 125 percent of the poverty line; low income, over 125 percent through 200 percent of the poverty line; middle income, over 200 percent to 400 percent of the poverty line; and high income, over 400 percent of the poverty line.

† Standard error approximately zero because of poststratification to Census Bureau population control tables.

-- Less than 100 sample cases.

* Relative standard error equal to or greater than 30%.